## Bremerton Washington

The Port of Bremerton has declared the vessel "Grembelle", with Washington Registration # WN 6405JB as abandoned at the Port of Bremerton.

The Port of Bremerton intends to take custody of the vessel on **January 9, 2012.** After taking custody, The Port of Bremerton may use or dispose of it without further notice. The owner of the vessel is responsible for all related costs.

## In order to keep the vessel, the owner must take one of the following actions before the Custody Date: January 9, 2012.

- Move it to an anchorage area or moorage facility that authorizes the vessel, or
- Remove the vessel from the water.

To redeem the vessel once The Port of Bremerton has taken custody, per RCW 53.08.320 (5) (b), the owner must begin a lawsuit to contest The Port of Bremerton's decision to obtain custody of the vessel, or the amount of reimbursement owed, in the superior court of the county in which the vessel was located. The written request can be submitted immediately but cannot be filed any later than January 19, 2012. (The owner waives the right to a hearing if the Court does not receive an appeal on or before the Appeal Date. The owner is then liable for any costs incurred by Port of Bremerton in responding to the vessel.

These costs may include all administrative costs incurred by Port of Bremerton, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel. If there is a law suit, the successful party may receive reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

The Port of Bremerton also may pursue any other remedies available under law. For example, The Port of Bremerton may take temporary possession of the vessel under the circumstances described in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 79.100.040(3).

The Port of Bremerton is taking this action under the authority of Chapter 79.100 RCW. You can find a copy of this law online at <a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=79.100">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=79.100</a>.

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